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To: [Bergman, Ronald](#)
Cc: [Green, Holly](#)
Subject: RE: FYI, Gibson Dunn in DC representing the oil companies in California
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:07:00 AM

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From: Bergman, Ronald
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Darman, Leslie
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Subject: RE: FYI, Gibson Dunn in DC representing the oil companies in California
[We can call you.](#)
[Also – do you know when the Gibson Dunn meeting is happening, and if we are supposed to attend?](#)

From: Darman, Leslie
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Bergman, Ronald
Cc: Green, Holly
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[Look forward to talking tomorrow at 1. I will be teleworking. I can call your office Ron, or you could call me at **Personal Privacy 6** We could also use my conference line if you like.](#)

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From: Bergman, Ronald
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:39 AM
To: Darman, Leslie

Cc: Green, Holly

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Can we try 1:00?

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From: Darman, Leslie

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 6:29 PM

To: Bergman, Ronald

Cc: Wehling, Carrie; Neugeboren, Steven; Parikh, Pooja

Subject: RE: FYI, Gibson Dunn in DC representing the oil companies in California

Ron – I'm available anytime on Friday except 2:30-4. Carrie is out of the office until Monday. I'm available to talk Thursday, too. In the meantime, here's a summary of what I know from ORC re current status and next steps:

In the July letter to CA, EPA requested info from the State (under 40 CFR 145.32(d)) about aquifer exemptions to help clear up conflicting records we have as to what aquifers are exempt. Currently, R9 is reviewing the info they've received so far. They are expecting more info in mid-Sept. R9 is having bi-weekly calls with the various CA state agencies.

CA is taking enforcement actions against some oil and gas companies and seeking info from other companies because of concerns about impacts to current sources of drinking water. That effort started before EPA sent the July letter to CA seeking AE info. Apparently, CA initiated the enforcement actions because they found some companies were injecting into USDWs (i.e. without an AE). In other cases CA is looking at as part of this broad enforcement effort, the exemption status is unclear; CA is allowing those operators an opportunity to provide records showing that the aquifer has been exempted.

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From: Bergman, Ronald

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 4:28 PM

To: Wehling, Carrie

Cc: Darman, Leslie

Subject: RE: FYI, Gibson Dunn in DC representing the oil companies in California

We just had a call with Region 9 on the same issue. Are either of you in on Friday to discuss this?

From: Wehling, Carrie

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 3:27 PM

To: Bergman, Ronald; Darman, Leslie

Cc: Neugeboren, Steven; Parikh, Pooja

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Thanks.

Carrie

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From: Bergman, Ronald

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 10:37 AM

To: Parikh, Pooja; Wehling, Carrie

Subject: FW: letter going to CA today about UIC program review

[Correspondence with California](#)

From: Albright, David

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 6:28 PM

To: Grevatt, Peter; Stoner, Nancy; Loop, Travis; Feldt, Lisa; Clark, Becki; Bergman, Ronald

Cc: Diamond, Jane

Subject: RE: letter going to CA today about UIC program review

Jane is on the road and asked that I forward the letter and attachments that Jared sent to CA agencies today. They are attached.

Thanks,

David

From: Diamond, Jane

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 11:29 AM

To: Grevatt, Peter; Stoner, Nancy; Loop, Travis; Feldt, Lisa; Clark, Becki

Cc: Montgomery, Michael; Blumenfeld, Jared; Zito, Kelly; Johnson, AudreyL; Albright, David; Dermer, Michele

Subject: letter going to CA today about UIC program review

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